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| ▪ Vocational Evaluation | ▪ National/State Wage Research |
| ▪ Labor Market Analysis | ▪ Vocational Rehabilitation |
| ▪ Employability Assessments | ▪ Assistive Technologies |
| ▪ Social Security Vocational Expert | ▪ Career Counseling |
| ▪ Job Search Activities | ▪ Test Administration and Analysis |

Experience:

➤ Principal, Kincaid Wolstein Vocational and Rehabilitation Services, 2006- Present

Vocational Counselor and Consultant Evaluator

- Composing labor market surveys and job analysis reports for company
- Performing transferable skills analyses
- Vocational evaluation and assessment
- Career counseling needs including all aspects of the job search process
- Assessing vocational history, educational history, past earnings and medical history for vocational reports
- Counseling consumers in the evaluation, planning and treatment processes of rehabilitation counseling
- Diagnostic interviews for career counseling, personal injury and matrimonial cases
- Researching assistive technologies
- Assessing rehabilitation needs
- Administering and interpreting a wide range of assessments and instruments

Education

- East Carolina University, Graduate School
Doctoral degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and Administration, 2014
- Rutgers University (formerly UMDNJ)
Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling, 2010
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
Bachelor of Arts. Major: Psychology, 2008

Affiliations and Credentials

- Certified Rehabilitation Counselor since March 2010
- Professional Vocational Evaluator since February 2015

- Certified Life Care Planner since March 2015
- Certified Rehabilitation Vocationologist since April 2015
- International Psychometric Evaluation Certification since May 2015
- Holds Memberships at professional associations
 - International Association of Rehabilitation Counselors
 - American Board of Vocational Experts
- American Board of Vocational Experts panel for Test Development 2016
- Licensed Rehabilitation Counselor since February 2017
- Director-at-Large: IPEC Test Committee Chair (American Board of Vocational Experts; 2017-2018 term)
- IPEC Test Committee Member (American Board of Vocational Experts (2018-Present)
- Treasurer (American Board of Vocational Experts; 2018-2020 term)

Presentations and Research

- Lecture for Social Security Administration with Jeff Truthan: November 2019
- Lecture at IARP with Jeff Truthan on sedentary unskilled occupations: November 2019
- Panel Presentation Rutgers School of Health-Related Professions:
 - January 2019, January 2020
- Class Lecture at Rutgers School of Health-Related Professions:
 - March 2019, January 2020
- National Organization of Social Security Claimant Representatives: April 2018
 - Presented with Jeff Truthan on research efforts for 137 sedentary unskilled jobs
- Colorado State Bar (Denver, Colorado): 2017
 - Presented on Surveillance-system Monitor Research
- Lecture on Vocational Forensics: Ramapo College, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Published in the Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis (Winter 2016 issue)
 - Surveillance System Monitors in the Work Force (April 2017)
- National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) 2012 Conference on Organizational Reengineering for State Vocational Agencies
- Published in the Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling in 2010 under Dr. Mark Chae
 - Worked on extra-curricular research with Dr. Mark Chae
 - Presented publication at Winter Conference hosted at Columbia University
- Composed a curriculum for a skills group for job seekers at DVR
- 1st Annual Research Day at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
 - Presentation based on the skills group held at the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Clinical Experience, Internships, and Practicums

- Clinician for the Office of Workers Compensation from 2015 - Present
- Volunteer Clinician at Jewish Vocational Services from 2014 – Present
 - Returning individuals with disabilities to work
 - Duties include job placement, job searching, career counseling, resume writing, interviewing skills, and general job counseling
- Provided clinical services at East Carolina University's Navigate Clinic in 2012
- Completed 100-hour Practicum at Vocational Rehabilitation at Vidant Health Center
- Completed 600-hour internship at the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, NJ
 - Composed a curriculum for a skills group based on the Boston University Approach
- Completed 100-hour practicum at the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, NJ
 - Worked with individuals to develop rehabilitation plan and return to work

Additional

- Presidential Citation from ABVE President Dr. Scott Whitmer (2019)
 - Surveillance System Monitor article and assistance on IPEC credential
- Beta tester for SkillTran Online Transferable Skills Analysis Program (2018)
- Developed website for the Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling Coalition (2017)
- Social Security Vocational Expert (2015-2019)
- Forensic Vocational Rehabilitation Course: Orientation to Forensic Rehabilitation Consultation at the University of Florida (2015)
- Assisted with implementation of the IPEC through peer application review
- Courses Taught: REHB 3000 Introduction to Rehabilitation at East Carolina University
- Courses Assisted: ADRE 5100 Occupational Analysis and Career Counseling
- Invited Reviewer (2014). Article for the Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals Journal
- Assisted in CACREP Accreditation Implementation of Program Evaluation Standards for East Carolina University



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VOCATIONAL EVALUATION AND EARNING CAPACITY ANALYSIS

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REPORT DATE: June 3, 2020

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that I am not related to any of the parties to the subject action, nor do I have any present or intended financial interest in the outcome of this case beyond the fees due for professional services rendered in connection with this report and possible subsequent services. Further, I certify that my professional fees are not contingent upon the resultant financial awarding of this matter but are based on the time expended on the services provided to counsel in connection with the subject action.

This is to further certify that all assumptions, methodologies and calculations utilized in this evaluation and assessment report are based on current knowledge and methods applied in the determination of employability, labor market access, job placement and earnings capacity.

DISCLOSURE

Ms. Almonte was advised about the purpose of the evaluation. She was advised that the evaluation was being conducted within the parameters of litigation and that any information obtained during the evaluation was not confidential.

In addition, Ms. Almonte was advised that this was a one-time evaluation, forensic in nature, and that no client-counselor relationship exists or was implied; that no direct rehabilitation services would be provided to him by this office; and that an unbiased, objective evaluation of her employability, labor market access, and earning capacity, post injury, was the only purpose of this interview.

She was also advised that Kincaid Wolstein Vocational & Rehabilitation Services maintains confidentiality of all medical records. Once the case is resolved, the corporate policy is to destroy the case records. Ms. Almonte indicated understanding of these rules of procedure and conduct and agreed to proceed.

CASE CONCEPTUALIZATION MODEL:

Case conceptualization for forensic vocational consulting should rely upon a methodology that is reliable and valid, since these aspects are crucial to an objective vocational evaluation. It is important to select a case conceptualization model that is referenced in the literature or regarded as a sound methodology.¹ The RAPEL model defines five domains: rehabilitation plan, access to the labor market, placeability, earning capacity, and labor force participation. Field (2008) states that RAPEL is a widely inclusive model, encompassing many resources ranging from labor market access, placeability considerations, attention to earning capacity issues, and other facets that assist in case conceptualization.² Robinson (2014) states that RAPEL is the most frequently referenced methodology for earning capacity analysis, with high levels of content validity and face validity.

Rehabilitation plan: The rehabilitation plan is an individualized plan tailored to the specific needs of the evaluatee, and all factors affecting return to work should be considered. In this vocational evaluation, rehabilitation considerations and job accommodations are often found in the Vocational Rehabilitation and Assistive Technologies sections, though they may be absent depending on the viability of rehabilitative efforts for the evaluatee.

Access to the labor market: Access to the labor market is based on the evaluatee's ability to obtain work, or, in other words, personal access to the competitive labor market. This issue is addressed in the Analysis of Employability section via the transferable skills analysis.

Placeability: Placeability is also an aspect of vocational evaluation that uses the RAPEL model. Placeability can be regarded as the ability to secure employment based on the interaction of an individual's employability and factors in the community, such as job availability and employer attitudes.² The transferable skills analysis considers the availability of jobs down to the local labor market level. The specificity of the McCroskey Transferable Skills Programs allows analysis at the county level.

Earning Capacity: Earning capacity is a function of the capacity to perform work. Pre-injury earning capacity must be considered versus post-injury earning capacity.² Any difference in earning capacities attributable to loss of access to the labor market can result in lost earnings, which are addressed in the Analysis of Earnings/Earning Capacity section.

Labor force participation: Labor force participation represents issues of working life. Loss of access to the competitive labor market can result in a reduced worklife expectancy, including being unable to hold employment (total absence from the labor market and substantial gainful activities), being limited to part-time work, or being able to carry on a full-time work schedule.² Labor force participation is also addressed in the Analysis of Employability section, and, depending upon the needs of the evaluation, in a Worklife Expectancy section as well.

¹ International Associate of Rehabilitation Professionals. <http://www.rehabpro.org/publications/standards>

² Field, T. (2008). Estimating earning capacity: Venues, factors, and methods. *Estimating Earning Capacity*, 1(1), 5-40.

REFERRAL INFORMATION

Ms. Lucia Almonte's case was referred for Vocational Assessment and determination as to whether or not, as a result of injuries allegedly incurred in a motor vehicle accident on April 18, 2018, she sustained a Vocational Impairment or Work Disability, and if so, how that impairment or disability might affect her earning capacity. In addition, determination was made as to whether she would benefit from vocational rehabilitation services. A Vocational Evaluation was conducted based upon assessment of pertinent information provided regarding Ms. Almonte's age, education, past relevant employment and earnings history, and current employment and earnings. The information gathered pertains to the relevant vocational factors for Ms. Almonte in relation to the competitive employment market.

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Records and data regarding Ms. Almonte were provided by the law offices of Block, O'Toole & Murphy, LLP, for review and use in evaluating her employability and earning capacity. Ms. Almonte was interviewed on February 26, 2020, at the offices of Block, O'Toole & Murphy, LLP, located in New York, New York. An interpreter, Ms. Ana Pena, was present to translate between English and Spanish. The following procedures were followed:

1. An in-depth interview was conducted to obtain relevant background information with regard to Ms. Almonte's age, education, present employment and earnings status, past employment and earnings experience, and current work/life status.
2. Vocational testing was conducted to ascertain vocational trait and interest factors. Ms. Almonte's test results were utilized to compare her aptitudes to job requirements. The following tests were administered:
 - Wonderlic Personnel Test (WPT)
 - Wide Range Achievement Test (WRAT-V)
 - Self-directed Search (SDS)
3. The employment history was researched using standard vocational reference materials that are detailed in the Resources and References section at the end of this narrative. This employed the **McCroskey Transferable Skills Program**, a job-person matching system that enables the comparison of individual abilities and job requirements to see where the two intersect. This system, which has been shown to have a high degree of reliability and validity, employs the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) worker trait factor system as a means of comparing individual capacities against the mental and physical demands of jobs as they exist in the local labor market. In addition, the **McCroskey Vocational Quotient System** was used to analyze further the employability of Ms. Almonte. Labor market and wage information was gathered for the New York State area.

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4. From the information generated and reviewed, a pre-injury profile of worker trait capacity levels was established and used to compare the pre-injury capacities of Ms. Almonte against the demands of jobs as they exist in the local labor market. Educational attainment level and vocational preparation were also considered.
5. Medical information was received and reviewed to determine the nature, extent, and duration of injuries sustained and any permanent functional limitations resulting from injury. This information was then used to adjust the pre-injury profile, leading to the development of a post-injury vocational profile in the context of Ms. Almonte's injuries and the functional impairments and limitations resulting from injury.
6. Both profiles were then compared to profiles for all 12,775 jobs in the **Dictionary of Occupational Titles**, combined with a labor market survey of the most frequently hired for jobs in the State of New York, 2020. This was done using the **McCroskey Transferable Skills Program**, which evaluates vocational information in accordance with U.S. Department of Labor criteria (worker trait-factor capacity levels).
7. From this analysis, further assessment was then done to ascertain pre- and post-injury employability, labor market access, job placement potential, vocational rehabilitation needs, and wage-earning capacity at this time.

EVALUATION ASSUMPTIONS

This vocational evaluation and earning capacity analysis is based upon the skills, training, knowledge, clinical discretion, and professional experience of the author. This evaluation assumes the following:

1. The medical records were provided in their entirety and accurately reflect the medical condition and functional abilities of the evaluatee;
2. The evaluatee provided true and accurate information in the vocational interview;
3. All testing administered was completed to the best of the evaluatee's abilities;
4. The evaluatee's employment history, education, and training demonstrate her vocational capacities and ability to benefit from job training.

LEGAL EXHIBITS AND DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

Income Tax Returns of Lucia Almonte: 2014–2018.

Verified Bill of Particulars: October 17, 2019.

FAMILY/SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL/MILITARY BACKGROUND

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Ms. Almonte indicated that she entered but never completed the 12th grade at Freeport High School, located in Freeport, New York. She did not obtain a general equivalency diploma. Ms. Almonte has not served in the military. No other training or education is noted.

Ms. Almonte was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and moved to the United States in December 1997 (she obtained a green card). She is the mother of two: Richard Garcia (DOB: [REDACTED]) and Nomel (DOB: [REDACTED]). She currently resides in Freeport, Nassau County, New York. Ms. Almonte has a Class D New York State automobile driver's license. Prior to injury, she noted enjoying exercising at the gym and dancing, which she states she is no longer able to perform at pre-injury levels.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Ms. Almonte reported that from 2007 to April 18, 2018, she had worked as a House Cleaner in the Long Island, New York State, area. Following her injury on April 18, 2018, she was not able to return to work in her customary occupation as a House Cleaner, but was able to maintain her employment as a Secretary. Ms. Almonte's past work experience includes House Cleaner, Secretary, Hostess, Retail Worker, Sales Clerk, and Cashier job positions. Ms. Almonte's employment experience, as related by him, is as follows:

Position: Hostess
Employer: IHOP
Location: Staten Island, New York
Dates: 2018, about 5 months
Earnings: \$9 to \$10 per hour, 30 to 40 hours per week
Duties: Greeted customer, escorted customers to tables, and took payment in cash and by credit card.

Position: Secretary
Employer: Barber Shop
Location: West Babylon, New York
Dates: February 2017–Present
Earnings: \$120 per day, 5 days per week
Duties: Charges clients, takes payments in cash, sweeps and mops once per week, answer telephones, greets customers, and makes appointments.

Position: House Cleaner
Employer: Self-employed
Location: Long Island, New York
Dates: 2007–April 18, 2018; no RTW
Earnings: Paid per job up to \$30 per hour; up to \$1,200 per week
Duties: House Cleaner job duties, vacuumed, mopped, swept, cleaned

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entire kitchen and appliances, dusted, did bedrooms and bathrooms. Brought her own cleaning supplies.

Position: Sales Clerk
Employer: Foot Locker
Location: Long Island, New York (Roosevelt Field Mall)
Dates: After Aeropostale
Duties: Assisted customers with their shopping needs, retrieved merchandise, and allowed customers to try on footwear.

Position: Retail Worker
Employer: Aeropostale
Location: Garden City, Long Island (Roosevelt Field Mall)
Dates: 2008/2009, CNR length of employment
Duties: Folded clothes and restocked shelves with clothing.

Position: Sales Clerk
Employer: Payless Shoe Store
Location: Hempstead Turnpike, Long Island
Dates: Before Aeropostale
Duties: Same as Foot Locker, and also operated cash register.

Position: Cashier
Employer: Compare Food
Location: Freeport, Long Island
Dates: 1998–2000
Duties: Operated cash register, tallied items, took payment in cash and by credit card.

VOCATIONAL PROFILE AND EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE ANALYSIS

According to Shahnasarian (2011), "Establishing a benchmark of an individual's premorbid earning capacity is a prerequisite to analyzing potential comparative post-incident earning capacity changes. Trends in earnings history, projections about the demand for skills, and a professional analysis of a person's pre-incident career development prospects facilitate the formulation of pre-incident earning capacity estimates."³

The jobs that Ms. Almonte has successfully performed in the past 15 years were researched in the U.S. Department of Labor's **Dictionary of Occupational Titles**, along with addendum publications that include the **Revised Handbook for Analyzing Jobs**, the **O*Net Dictionary of Occupational Titles**, the **Selected Characteristics of Occupations**, and **Occupational Outlook Handbook**. The job definitions provided from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles are not intended to be exact

³ **Assessment of Earning Capacity, 3rd Edition**, Shahnasarian, M. 2011. Lawyers and Judges Publishing Company, Inc. Tucson, Arizona.

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representations of the jobs performed in Ms. Almonte's employment history. Instead, the job definitions are intended to provide a synthesis of general information that most closely encapsulates the skills, abilities, educational requirements, and physical capacities that are required to perform a specific job position or array of work tasks. It is duly noted that each occurrence of a job position in the workforce varies, to some degree, with unique worksite and employer needs.

Reference to these job titles is important, since they have known capacity statements attached to them, which represent modal ability levels associated with the types of jobs Ms. Almonte has performed in the past.

DOT Number	DOT Title	VQ	Skill Level – Specific Vocational Preparation ⁴	Physical Demands
301.687-014	Day Worker (Housecleaner)	82.38	SVP = 2 (Unskilled)	Medium
237.367-038	Receptionist	95.38	SVP = 4 (Semi-Skilled)	Sedentary
290.477-014	Sales Clerk	97.23	SVP = 3 (Semi-Skilled)	Light
352.667-010	Hostess	95.27	SVP = 3 (Semi-Skilled)	Light

These jobs require a range of Sedentary to Medium physical duty on a five-point scale (sedentary, light, medium, heavy, and very heavy).

According to the **Dictionary of Occupational Titles**, sedentary work is defined as follows:

Exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally or a negligible amount of force frequently to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects, including the human body. Sedentary work involves sitting most of the time but may involve walking or standing for brief periods of time. Jobs are Sedentary if walking and standing are required only occasionally and all other Sedentary criteria are met.

According to the **Dictionary of Occupational Titles**, light work is defined as follows:

Exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 10 pounds of force frequently, and/or a negligible amount of force constantly (Constantly: activity or condition exists 2/3 or more of the time) to move objects. Physical demand requirements are in excess of those for Sedentary Work. Even though the weight lifted may only be a negligible amount, a job should be rated Light Work: (1) when it requires walking or standing to a significant degree; or (2) when it requires sitting most of the time but entails pushing and/or pulling of arm or leg controls; and/or (3) when a job requires working at a production rate pace entailing the constant pushing and/or pulling of materials even though the weight of those materials is negligible.

Medium work is defined by the **Dictionary of Occupational Titles** as follows:

⁴ SVP 1 = <5 Days, SVP 2 = 5-30 Days, SVP 3 = 1-3 Months, SVP 4 = 3-6 Months, SVP 5 = 6-12 Months, SVP 6 = 1-2 Years, SVP 7 = 2-4 Years, SVP 8 = 4-10 Years, SVP 9 = >10 Years

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Exerting 20–50 pounds of force occasionally and/or 10 to 25 pounds of force frequently, and/or greater than negligible up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Physical Demand requirements are in excess of those for Light Work.

These jobs require combined aptitudes in the following areas:

Code	Aptitude	Level
R	Reasoning	Low Average
M	Mathematics	Below Average
L	Language	Low Average
S	Spatial Perception	Below Average
P	Form Perception	Below Average
Q	Clerical Perception	Low Middle Average
K	Motor Coordination	Below Average
F	Finger Dexterity	Below Average
M	Manual Dexterity	Low Middle Average
E	Eye Hand Foot Coordination	Very Low
C	Color Discrimination	Below Average ⁵

These jobs are rated in the Below Average to Average range on the **McCroskey Vocational Quotient Scale**, a standardized empirically-derived index of vocational difficulty that considers all of the worker traits that are measures of mental and physical **capacity** in order to derive an overall statistical index of job difficulty. This index ranges from a low of approximately 72.00 to a high of about 154.00. The VQ distribution for all jobs in the DOT has been transformed (McCroskey, 1992) to a Mean of 100.00 and a Standard Deviation of 15.00. In general, the higher the VQ, the more difficult and rewarding is the job. Jobs with VQs ranging between 85.00 and 115.00 fall within the “average range” of overall job difficulty.

Conclusion(s) from Vocational Profile:

Ms. Almonte demonstrated the ability to perform work successfully as a House Cleaner, Secretary, Hostess, Retail Worker, Sales Clerk, and Cashier. She showed the ability to perform duties, develop skills, and acquire the knowledge and training necessary to obtain and maintain employment in these job positions.

MEDICAL RECORDS REVIEWED

Mercy Medical Center
 Leeva Mathew, M.D.
 Emergency Department Record: 04/19/18
 Conellia Ha, M.D.

⁵ Very Low – Under 10th %ile; Below Average – 10th to 33rd %ile; Average – 34th to 65th %ile; Above Average – 66th to 89th %ile; Superior – Over 89th %ile.

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Imaging Report: 04/19/18
Daniel Machleder, M.D.
Imaging Reports: 04/19/18 (x3)
Verma Gaurav, M.D.
Emergency Department Record: 06/19/18
Kurt Dischner, M.D.
Emergency Department Records: 08/13/18, 03/23/19
*Alexandre De Moura, M.D.
Operative Report: 02/26/19
Benjamin Yam, M.D.
Imaging Report: 03/23/19
Mridul Kumar, M.D.
Emergency Department Record: 03/27/19
*Angel Macagno, M.D.
Operative Report: 03/02/20

David Suesserman, D.C.
Chiropractic Notes: 05/08/18, 07/11/18

Nassau Health Wellness
Joseph Louis, M.D.
Medical Records: 05/09/18, 07/09/18
Nasar Shahid, M.D.
Electrodiagnostic Study: 08/06/18
Procedure Notes: 08/06/18, 08/20/18, 09/10/18, 09/17/18
Emerth Lance Coburn, M.D.
Medical Record: 08/27/18

Physical Therapy
Multiple Providers
PT Notes: 05/09/18–06/25/19

Redtree Radiology
Eliezer Offenbacher, M.D.
Imaging Reports: 07/09/18, 07/16/18

Stand-Up MRI of Carle Place
Steven Winter, M.D.
Imaging Reports: 07/24/18 (x2)

Harvey Manes, M.D.
Medical Record: 07/26/18

Oradell Surgical Center
*Nasar Shahid, M.D.
Operative Reports: 08/18/18, 09/15/18

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Sports Medicine and Spine Rehabilitation

Faguna Patel, D.O.

Medical Records: 11/08/18, 01/17/19

Joseph Gregorace, D.O.

Medical Records: 05/03/19, 05/31/19

New York Spine Institute

*Alexandre De Moura, M.D.

Medical Records: 11/26/18, 02/21/19, 03/07/19, 03/29/19, 04/05/19,

05/17/19, 08/16/19, 11/15/19, 11/25/19

Alan Greenfield, M.D.

Imaging Reports: 02/21/19, 11/18/19

Adam Landskowsky, M.D.

Imaging Reports: 03/07/19, 05/17/19, 08/16/19, 11/15/19

Timothy Roberts, M.D.

Medical Record: 12/04/19

*Angel Macagno, M.D.

Medical Records: 12/12/19, 01/02/20

John Ventrudo, M.D.

Medical Record: 12/27/19

Orlin & Cohen Medical Specialist Group

Moiz Manaqibwala, M.D.

Medical Records: 12/14/18, 01/25/19, 03/14/19

Branch Orthopedics

*Chris Moros, D.O.

Medical Records: 04/08/19, 04/25/19, 07/02/19

North Shore Surgi-Center

*Chris Moros, D.O.

Operative Report: 04/18/19

Edwin Richter III, M.D.

Physiatric Evaluation: 02/20/20

* Please note that an asterisk next to the name of a provider indicates that he or she may be found in multiple locations throughout this medical summary.

MEDICAL HISTORY SUMMARY

The medical records reviewed for this evaluation indicate that Ms. Almonte was involved in a motor vehicle accident on April 18, 2018. She was a belted driver that was hit on the driver's side by a truck when she was slowing down near a toll booth. She sustained injuries to her neck and back. She underwent cervical spine surgery in

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February 2019, a shoulder arthroscopy in April 2019, and lumbar spine surgery in March 2020. She has past medical history of cesarean section, breast surgery, cornea replacement, and liposuction. A synopsis of the medical records is as follows:

04/19/18 Leeva Mathew, M.D.: Emergency Department Record

History:

36-year-old female presenting for eval of neck pain, headache, and low back pain status post MVC which occurred last night. Patient states that she was driving on the highway, slowing down for a toll booth, when a big cargo truck swerved into her lane and hit the driver's side door. Patient states that she was able to ambulate after the incident. She denies hitting her head, LOC, or amnesia to the event but is complaining of dizziness and vomiting x3 yesterday with tingling down left arm...

04/19/18 Daniel Machleder, M.D.: Imaging Reports

X-ray chest: No focal pulmonary parenchymal consolidation, pleural effusion or pneumothorax.

CT brain: No acute intracranial hemorrhage, mass-effect or midline shift.

CT cervical: No definite evidence of acute trauma. Straightening of normal cervical spine lordosis may be on the basis of positioning versus pain and muscle spasm. A small calcified/ossified fragment anteroinferior to the C6 vertebral body is new compared to the study of 09/16/14. This is sclerosed and with no obvious osseous donor and is felt to be on the basis of chronic degenerative disc osteophyte from early degenerative change, rather than due to acute trauma injury. Clinically correlate.

04/19/18 Conellia Ha, M.D.: Imaging Report

X-ray lumbar: Degenerative change with facet arthropathy L5-S1. No fracture or subluxation. Right pelvic calcifications likely representing phleboliths. Clinical correlation recommended.

05/08/18 David Suesserman, D.C.: Chiropractic Evaluation

Diagnoses:

1. Spine strain/sprain.
2. Thoracic spine strain/sprain.
3. Lumbar spine strain/sprain.
4. Muscle spasm
5. Right hip deferred to orthopedic surgery.

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Plan: I recommend chiropractic care 3 times a week for the next 4 weeks. If pain persists, further diagnostic testing, such as MRI, should be obtained.

05/09/18 Joseph Louis, M.D.: Comprehensive Evaluation

Chief Complaints: ... Patient complaints of intermittent headaches. Patient complains of blurry vision in front of eyes. Patient is unable to find a comfortable position when sleeping. Patient states she has depression (mood swings, anxiety, stress, nightmares about the accident...

Present Disability: Moderate disability 50-74%

Work History: The patient is presently employed on a full time basis as a secretary. The patient continues to work with some moderate discomfort. The patient is working at this time.

Causality: According to my best judgment, if the history given by the patient is accurate, the above-mentioned accident seems to be the causative factor of the patient's symptomatology.

Prognosis: Due to the mechanism of injury inherent in this case and the type of trauma suffered by this patient, healing of the supporting tissues of the spine and other involved joints frequently becomes less effective. It is therefore expected that the patient will experience frequent exacerbations of symptoms during which time patient may need to take time off regular activities to receive treatment.

06/19/18 Verma Gaurav, M.D.: Emergency Department Record

Chief Complaints:

1. Dizziness, chills.
2. Headache.

History:

...patient with intermittent headache since this morning... Patient admits to nausea, 2 episodes of NBNB vomiting, lightheadedness, mild sensitivity to light and noise... Pt states she had recent eye surgery 2 weeks ago to repair a corneal abrasion...

Diagnoses:

1. Elevated BP without diagnosis of hypertension.
2. Acute nonintractable headache, unspecified headache type.

07/09/18 Eliezer Offenbacher, M.D.: Imaging Report

MRI left shoulder: No fracture or bone bruise. No ligament or tendon disruption is evident. The glenohumeral joint appears intact, without tear of the glenoid

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labrum, or disruption of the shoulder capsule. Glenohumeral joint effusion. Fluid within the subcoracoid bursa along the anterior margin of the glenoid process consistent with bursitis. A posttraumatic etiology is not excluded.

07/16/18 Eliezer Offenbacher, M.D.: Imaging Report

MRI lumbar: Straightening of the lumbar lordosis. Mild anterior bulging of the L2-L3 disc without posterior contour abnormality or neural impingement. The L3-L4 disc demonstrates mild anterior bulging and osteophyte formation without significant posterior contour abnormality or neural impingement. The L4-L5 disc demonstrates mild anterior bulging and osteophyte formation, and a focal left paracentral disc herniation flattening the ventral aspect of the thecal sac to the left of midline. No significant deformity or compression of the sac however is evident and no impingement on exiting nerve roots is present at this level. The L5-S1 disc is normal in contour.

07/24/18 Steven Winter, M.D.: Imaging Reports

MRI right shoulder: Supraspinatus tendon inhomogeneous and bulbous extending anterior laterally towards its attachment site on the humerus where there is superimposed shallow partial-thickness 1 cm bursal surface tearing extending toward its anterior lateral attachment on the humerus where there is obscuring of the peritendinous fat with peritendinous edema. Anterior laterally down sloping type II acromial configuration which abuts the underlying supraspinatus with compromise of the subacromial space. Synovial fluid at the glenohumeral articular surface and subscapularis recess.

MRI cervical: C5-C6 posterior disc herniation with a focal extrusion in the midline that impresses on the ventral margin of the cord with borderline central spinal stenosis. C6-C7 left posterior disc herniation impressing on the left ventral margin of the cord encroaching peripherally toward the proximal left neural foramen. C3-C4 and C4-C5 posterior disc bulges impressing on the ventral thecal sac with a superimposed left posterolateral focal disc herniation at C4-C5 encroaching into the left anterior recess. Cervical kyphosis with the apex at C5-C6 with evidence for muscular spasm.

07/26/18 Harvey Manes, M.D.: Orthopedic Consultation

Diagnosis: Left shoulder bursitis.

08/06/18 Nasar Shahid, M.D.: Electrodiagnostic Studies

EMG/NCV upper: EMG - abnormal study. The above electrodiagnostic study reveals evidence of the left C5-C6 cervical radiculopathy. NCV - normal study. The above electrodiagnostic study of both upper extremities revealed no evidence of peripheral neuropathy.

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EMG/NCV lower: EMG - abnormal study. The above electrodiagnostic study reveals evidence of left L4-L5 lumbosacral radiculopathy. NCV - normal study. The above electrodiagnostic study of both lower extremities revealed no evidence of peripheral neuropathy.

08/06/18 Nasar Shahid, M.D.: Procedure Note

Procedure: Trigger point injection, cervical.

08/13/18 Kurt Dischner, M.D.: Emergency Department Record

Chief Complaints:

1. Sore throat.
2. Otalgia.
3. Headache.
4. Fever.

Disposition: Eloped.

08/18/18 Nasar Shahid, M.D.: Procedure Note

Pre-Op Dx: Lumbar radiculopathy, lumbar HNP.

Post-Op Dx: [None given.]

Procedure: Lumbar transforaminal epidural injection under fluoroscopic guidance at bilateral L4-L5 and left L5-S1.

08/20/18 Nasar Shahid, M.D.: Procedure Note

Procedure: Trigger point injections, 2nd cervical.

08/27/18 Emerth Coburn, M.D.: Medical Record

Diagnostic Impression:

1. Sprain of joints and ligaments, other parts of neck.
2. Cervicalgia.
3. Cervical disc disorder with myelopathy, unspecified cervical region.
4. Low back pain.
5. Other intervertebral disc displacement, lumbosacral region.
6. Myositis, unspecified.
7. Joint derangement, unspecified.
8. Pain in left shoulder. Strain of muscle/tendon of the rotator cuff right shoulder, initial encounter.

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Disability: Marked disability 75-99%.

09/10/18 Nasar Shahid, M.D.: Procedure Note

Procedure: Trigger point injection, 3rd cervical, bilateral.

09/15/18 Nasar Shahid, M.D.: Procedure Note

Pre-Op Dx: Lumbar radiculopathy, lumbar HNP.

Post-Op Dx: [None given.]

Procedure: Lumbar caudal epidural steroid injection under fluoroscopic guidance.

11/08/18 Faguna Patel, D.O.: Pain Management Evaluation

Diagnoses:

1. Bilateral shoulder pain, status post motor vehicle accident.
2. Cervical radiculopathy.
3. Lumbar radiculopathy.

Recommendation:

1. She has completed over 3–4 months of physical therapy, chiropractic care, and epidural steroid injections with no relief. I will refer her to spine surgeon for further evaluation and treatment.
2. She continues to see an orthopedic surgeon in regard to bilateral shoulder pain. She will continue with his treating surgeon.
3. Activity modifications reviewed with the patient.
4. She may continue to work, 0% disability.
5. Follow-up evaluation in 4-6 weeks.

Causality: If history is correct and there is a causal relationship.

11/26/18 Alexandre De Moura, M.D.: Orthopedic Evaluation

The patient presents with a chief complaint of neck and lower back pain. The patient is also stating of headaches since the accident. The patient is also having a left upper extremity radiculopathy.

Based on this clinical evaluation, the current problem is causally related to this accident.

Prognosis: Guarded.

12/14/18 Moiz Manaqibwala, M.D.: Orthopedic Evaluation

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Assessment/Plan:

Impingement syndrome of both shoulders. Discussed pain appears to be more likely from cervical pathology. May consider repeat injection to shoulder and/or arthroscopic NSAID, but given no relief from first injections, outcome is uncertain.

02/21/19 Alan Greenfield, M.D.: Imaging Report

MRI cervical: Straightening of cervical lordosis. Shallow central disc protrusion at C3-C4 indents the dural sac. Bulging disc at C4-C5 with flattening of the dural sac, approximating the medial aspect of both neural foramina at this level, left greater than right. Bulging disc with broad-based central disc herniation at C5-C6, deforming the dural sac, with relative narrowing of the left neural foramen compared to the right side at this level. Bulging disc and spondylosis at C6-C7, with left-sided broad-based disc herniation deforming the dural sac, where relative narrowing of the left neural foramen is seen compared to the right side.

02/26/19 Alexandre De Moura, M.D.: Operative Report

Pre-Op Dx: Cervical radiculopathy.

Post-Op Dx: Cervical radiculopathy with herniated nucleus pulposus.

Procedure: 1. Anterior cervical discectomy C6-C7.
2. Arthrodesis C6-C7.
3. Anterior cervical instrumentation.
4. Structural allograft.
5. Fluoroscopy used.

03/07/19 Adam Landskowsky, M.D.: Imaging Report

X-ray cervical: Mild reversal of the normal cervical lordosis. C6-C7 discectomy and anterior fusion. C4-C5, C5-C6, and C7-T1 slight anterolisthesis. Minimal posterior facet arthrosis.

03/14/19 Moiz Manaqibwala, M.D.: Orthopedic Follow-up

Procedure: Bilateral subacromial cortisone injections today with mild to moderate pain relief.

03/23/19 Kurt Dischner, M.D.: Emergency Department Record

Diagnoses:

1. Anxiety, unspecified etiology.
2. Elevated alkaline phosphatase level.
3. Elevated blood pressure reading.

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03/23/19 Benjamin Yam, M.D.: Imaging Report

X-ray neck: No acute abnormality seen. Status post anterior cervical fusion.

03/27/19 Mridul Kumar, M.D.: Emergency Department Record

Diagnoses:

1. Elevated blood pressure without diagnosis of hypertension.
2. Palpitations.

04/08/19 Chris Moros, D.O.: Orthopedic Evaluation

Impression:

1. Right shoulder impingement syndrome.
2. Tendinitis.
3. Partial rotator cuff tearing.
4. Sprain.

04/18/19 Chris Moros, D.O.: Operative Report

- Pre-Op Dx:
1. Right shoulder partial rotator cuff tear.
 2. Right shoulder synovitis.
 3. Right shoulder impingement.

- Post-Op Dx:
1. Right shoulder posttraumatic synovitis.
 2. Right shoulder subacromial impingement.
 3. Right shoulder partial rotator cuff tear.

- Procedure:
1. Right shoulder arthroscopic rotator cuff debridement.
 2. Right shoulder arthroscopic synovectomy.
 3. Right shoulder arthroscopic decompression with acromioplasty.

05/17/19 Adam Landskowsky, M.D.: Imaging Report

X-ray cervical: Minimal reversal of the normal cervical lordosis. C6-C7 discectomy and anterior fusion. C4-C5, C5-C6 and C7-T1 slight anterolisthesis. Mild posterior facet arthrosis.

05/31/19 Joseph Gregorace, D.O.: Pain Management Follow-up

Diagnoses:

1. Status post ACDF C6-C7 level 02/26/19.
2. Myofascitis, bilateral upper trapezius muscles.
3. Lumbar spine spasms, HNP L4-L5
4. Status post right shoulder arthroscopy 04/18/19.

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Recommendation:

1. This patient is recommended to follow up with Dr. De Moura for neck and back injuries.
2. She is recommended to follow-up with Dr. Moros for her right shoulder.
3. The patient will continue rehabilitation medicine treatments.
4. I did discuss with her regarding epidural spinal steroid injections. She defers.
5. She is recommended to refrain from returning to work.

08/16/19 Adam Landskowsky, M.D.: Imaging Report

X-ray cervical: Straightening of the normal cervical lordosis. C6-C7 discectomy and anterior fusion. C7-T1 slight anterolisthesis. Mild posterior facet arthrosis.

11/15/19 Adam Landskowsky, M.D.: Imaging Report

X-ray cervical: Straightening of the normal cervical lordosis. Stable C6-C7 discectomy and anterior fusion. C7-T1 slight anterolisthesis. Mild posterior facet arthrosis.

11/18/19 Alan Greenfield, M.D.: Imaging Report

MRI lumbar: There are underlying disc bulges at L3-L4, L4-L5, and L5-S1, resulting in flattening of the dural sac as outlined above. There are coexistent left greater than right foraminal disc herniations at L4-L5, with left greater than right neural foraminal encroachment. Multilevel spondylosis and facet arthropathy as outlined above, with the facet changes greatest from L3-S1.

12/04/19 Timothy Roberts, M.D.: Orthopedic Evaluation

Assessment: ... Status post ACDF C6-C7 on 02/26/19 improved from prior to surgery with worsening low back pain to the left. Cervicalgia. Fusion of spine cervical region.

12/12/19 Angel Macagno, M.D.: Orthopedic Evaluation

Diagnosis: Cervicalgia.

12/27/19 John Ventrudo, M.D.: Pain Management Evaluation

Diagnoses:

1. Sciatica, unspecified side.
2. Low back pain.
3. Sacrococcygeal disorder, not elsewhere classified.
4. Spinal instabilities, lumbosacral region.

Procedure: Sacroiliac joint injection with fluoroscopy.

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01/02/20 Angel Macagno, M.D.: Orthopedic Progress Note

Discussion: Based on the clinical evaluation, the current problem is causally related to this accident.

Prognosis: Guarded.

Patient is temporarily totally disabled.

Activities of treatment discussed in detail with patient, including activity modifications, physical therapy, medications, epidural injections and surgery.

The patient's symptoms continued to worsen and she is not responding at all to conservative treatment, patient wants to discuss surgical options.

She is a candidate for posterior spinal fusion instrumentation L4-L5, possible L3-L4, C4, possible laminectomy.

02/20/20 Edwin Richter III, M.D.: Physiatric Evaluation

Impressions: Ms. Almonte is status post-accident as described above in which she sustained injuries and impairments including cervical and lumbar disc derangements with associated radiculopathies as well as internal derangements of right shoulder. She has chronic pain, decreased range of motion, decreased sensation and decreased activity tolerance as a result of her injuries. She is expected to have progression of post-traumatic arthritis as result of her injuries. She is expected to have progression of adjacent level syndrome as a result of her injuries. These injuries are permanent and result from the accident of 4/18/18. There is anticipated need of continued medical care (across the life span) as a result of this accident. This will include on average visits with spine specialists 2–3/year (\$155/visit). This will include on average visits with musculoskeletal/pain specialists 3–6/year (\$155/visit). There is anticipated need of future courses of physical therapy with an average of 12–18 sessions per year (\$130/session). There is anticipated need of continued medical regimen at least comparable to ibuprofen (\$20/month) and cyclobenzaprine (\$20/month). Bending or twisting of cervical or lumbar spine should be avoided. Repetitive motions of right shoulder should be avoided. Prolonged sitting, standing or walking should be avoided. There is anticipated need of follow-up MRI of lumbar spine (\$1,600) every 2–3 years, follow-up x-ray of lumbar spine (\$300) every 2–3 years and follow-up lower extremity EMG (\$1,500) every 2–3 years. There is anticipated need for lumbar spine fusion surgery (\$75,000 to \$125,000) within 2–3 years. There is anticipated need of follow-up MRI of cervical spine (\$1,600) every 2–3 years, follow-up x-ray of cervical spine (\$300) every 2–3 years and follow-up upper extremity EMG (\$1,500) every 2–3 years. There is anticipated need for additional cervical spine fusion surgery (\$75,000 to \$125,000) within 10–15 years. There is anticipated need of follow-up MRI of right shoulder (\$1,600) every 3–5 years. She is not expected to be able to successfully maintain employment at any work for which she is qualified beyond 10–15 years from now.

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03/02/20 Angel Macagno, M.D.: Operative Report

Pre-op Dx: Disk compromise at L4-L5, disk herniation L4-L5, unstable retrolisthesis mechanical lower back, radiculopathy.

Post-op Dx: [Same.]

Operation: 1. Application of intervertebral biomechanical device L4-L5 (Life Spine Expandable Spacer).
2. Partial corpectomy and discectomy L4-L5.
3. Segmental fixation L4-L5 (Threshold System – Spineology).
4. Posterior and posterolateral technique arthrodesis right lateral transverse technique L4-L5.
5. Laminectomy L4-L5 with decompression nerve root including foraminotomy, facetectomy, disc excision right L4-L5.
6. Aspiration of iliac crest bone marrow bilateral with stem cell concentration and reimplantation.
7. Allograft morselized.
8. Autograft morselized.
9. Fluoroscopy interpretation.

Conclusion(s) from Medical Records:

Based on the medical records, Ms. Almonte has significant physical functional impairments that impact her employability and functional abilities to perform work. On January 2, 2020, treating physician Dr. Angel Macagno composed an orthopedic progress note that stated, "Discussion: Based on the clinical evaluation, the current problem is causally related to this accident. Prognosis: Guarded. Patient is temporarily totally disabled. Activities of treatment discussed in detail with patient, including activity modifications, physical therapy, medications, epidural injections and surgery. The patient's symptoms continued to worsen and she is not responding at all to conservative treatment, patient wants to discuss surgical options. She is a candidate for posterior spinal fusion instrumentation L4-L5, possible L3-L4, C4, possible laminectomy." On February 20, 2020, Dr. Edwin Richter, III, stated that Ms. Almonte "is not expected to be able to successfully maintain employment at any work for which she is qualified beyond 10–15 years from now." Based on the medical records reviewed for this evaluation, Ms. Almonte was assessed at the sedentary level.

SELF-REPORT

Ms. Almonte currently reports that she suffers from daily chronic pain in her neck, upper back, mid back, low back, and legs to toes. Ms. Almonte rated her pain on the following pain scale:

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Pain Level	Description
0	No pain
1	Mild pain; you're aware of it, but it doesn't bother you
2	Moderate pain; tolerable without medications
3	Moderate pain; requires medication to tolerate
4-5	More severe pain; you begin to feel antisocial
6	Severe pain
7-9	Intensely severe pain
10	Most severe pain; unbearable

<u>Area</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Pain Intensity</u>
Neck	Constant	2 to 6
Upper Back	Constant	6 to 7
Mid Back	Constant	3 (constant)
Low Back	Constant	7 to 10
Legs to Toes	Constant	6 to 7

Ms. Almonte indicated that her abilities for lifting, sitting, climbing, balancing, stooping, driving, feeling, reaching, standing, walking, bending, kneeling, and sleeping are impaired as a result of her injury. Ms. Almonte noted the following specific limitations:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Functional Ability</u>
Lifting	10 lbs. at most
Sitting	60 minutes at the most, then takes a break
Climbing	Uses hand rail, takes longer ascending now
Balancing	Worse now
Stooping	Needs a third point of contact, difficult
Driving	Local driving, usually 20 to 25 minutes
Feeling	Right hand numbness
Reaching	Overhead reaching is problematic for right shoulder
Standing	Needs to take a break after 20 minutes
Walking	30 to 35 minutes at the most
Bending	Causes pain in low back
Kneeling	Needs a third point of contact, difficult
Sleeping	Disrupted, wakes up 3x/average night

Ms. Almonte takes medications as follows:

<u>Medication</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Acetaminophen	OTC Analgesic	500mg 3x/Day
Lidocaine Patches	Topical Anesthetic	3-4x/Week (night)
Lidocaine Cream	Topical Anesthetic	1x/Day

Ms. Almonte reported that she is being treated by the following physician on a regular basis:

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<u>Physician</u>	<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Dr. Angel Macagno	Ortho: L Spine	1x/Month

VOCATIONAL TESTING

During the course of our interview, Ms. Almonte was administered three tests to help ascertain vocational trait and interest factors. The tests measure factors that correspond to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) worker trait factor system used to categorize jobs and to compare worker aptitudes to job requirements. These tests are as follows:

Test	Department of Labor – Related Trait Factors
Wonderlic Personnel Test	Reasoning (R), Mathematics (M), Language (L)
Wide Range Achievement Test V	Reasoning (R), Mathematics (M), Language (L), Clerical Perception (Q)
Self-directed Search	Career Guidance/Interest Factors

Test results for Ms. Almonte are as follows:

Wonderlic Personnel Test (Form IV – Spanish Version):

The Wonderlic Personnel Test is a test of general intelligence. Ms. Almonte's score was as follows:

Raw Score:	9
Adjusted Raw Score	10
Grade Equivalent:	7–8 Years of Education
Cumulative Percentile Rank:	6.06% (Adult Working Population Norms)
WAIS Equivalent:	80 Full Scale IQ (Norm = 100)

The test results were in the Very Low range for Ms. Almonte's age group. A score of 10 on the Wonderlic Personnel Test is common for individuals with 7 to 8 years of education. The job potential for individuals who score in this range includes furniture repair, simple carpentry, electrician helper and domestic work. The lowest 13% of the working population score within this range (under 12). As a group they are unlikely to benefit from formalized training settings and are successful using simple tools under consistent supervision.⁶

Wide Range Achievement Test, Revision 5 (WRAT-V):

The WRAT-V has subtests for Word Reading, Sentence Comprehension, Spelling, Math Computation, and Reading Composite (for the purposes of this evaluation, the subtest

⁶ Wonderlic Personnel Test & Scholastic Level Exam, 1992, Wonderlic Personnel Test, Inc., Libertyville, IL.

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for Spelling was not administered). This is a test of achievement and learning ability and can be compared to achievement levels of other individuals in the same age group. Her scores were as follows:

Subtest	Standard Score	Percentile	Grade Score
Word Reading	72	3	4.7
Math Computation	80	9	4.3
Sentence Comprehension	70	2	3.7
Reading Composite	69	2	---

Ms. Almonte's scores were in the Very Low range for Word Reading, Math Computation, and Sentence Comprehension, and in the Extremely Low range for Reading Composite, indicating inadequate abilities in all domains for most jobs.

Self-directed Search Form E, 4th Edition (Spanish Version):

The Self-directed Search provides a measure of an individual's vocational interests and is helpful in job-person matching. Test scores for Ms. Almonte were as follows:

<u>Scale:</u>	<u>Score:</u>
Realistic	16
Investigative	32
Artistic	37
Social	38
Enterprising	37
Conventional	37

Ms. Almonte had highest scores on the Social, Artistic, Enterprising, and Conventional Scales. A high Social score indicates interest in educational and social welfare occupations. Individuals with high Artistic scores have interests in artistic, musical, and literary occupations. A high Enterprising score indicates interest in managerial and sales occupations. Individuals with high Conventional scores have interests in office and clerical occupations.

Following are examples of occupations that resemble Ms. Almonte's response pattern:

<u>D.O.T No.</u>	<u>Occupational Title</u>
359.673-010	Chauffeur
238.367-010	Gate Agent
290.477-018	Sales Clerk, Food
245.367-010	Animal Hospital Clerk
295.357-010	Apparel-Rental Clerk
205.367-018	Claims Clerk
299.367-010	Customer Service Clerk
290.477-018	Sales Clerk, Food
099.223-010	Driving instructor

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319.677-010 Caterer Helper

The examples provided are representative of Ms. Almonte's response pattern and are intended to illustrate the job positions that are consistent with her vocational preferences. They are not necessarily intended to represent viable post-injury vocational options for Ms. Almonte, since they may or may not be compatible with the physical functional limitations with which she presents.

Conclusion(s) from Vocational Testing:

Ms. Almonte's score on the academic instruments of the vocational test battery (WRAT-V and Wonderlic Personnel Test) spanned from the 2nd percentile up to the 9th percentile, which is reflective of her limited educational attainment and is consistent with her pre-injury employment history in manual labor occupations. Based on these scores, Ms. Almonte would be more suitable for on-the-job or short-duration job retraining. Her answers on the Self-directed Search matched an assortment of occupations that could and likely would, if needed, be relevant for future job search and career exploration activities.

POST-INJURY VOCATIONAL PROFILE

The profile developed from the education and employment experience was adjusted to reflect the functional limitations that Ms. Almonte currently demonstrates, as derived from the records reviewed and generated for this evaluation.

Ms. Almonte's Post-Injury Vocational Profile is comprised of multiple factors: education, employment experience, vocational testing, medical records, and Ms. Almonte's self-report. The information relevant to her vocational situation is as follows:

- Education:
 - Ms. Almonte did not obtain a high school equivalency.
- Employment:
 - Pre-Injury: Medium Physical Demands.
 - Post-Injury: Sedentary Physical Demands.
- Vocational Testing:
 - Ms. Almonte would be suitable for on-the-job or short-duration job retraining.
- Medical Records:
 - Ms. Almonte was assessed at the sedentary level.
- Ms. Almonte's self-reported limitations are noted and considered. For the purposes of determining her residual abilities, the medical records are relied upon.

Based on the medical records, Ms. Almonte was limited to sedentary work. For the sedentary profile, this would preclude her from activities involving light, medium, and heavier physical exertion, and reduce her capacity for lifting, carrying, pushing, pulling,

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standing, and walking. Her capacity for seeing was increased from occasional to frequent. The remainder of the pre-injury profile was held constant.

According to the **Dictionary of Occupational Titles**, sedentary work is defined as follows:

Exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally or a negligible amount of force frequently to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects, including the human body. Sedentary work involves sitting most of the time, but may involve walking or standing for brief periods of time. Jobs are Sedentary if walking and standing are required only occasionally and all other sedentary criteria are met.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS ANALYSIS

Labor market area and availability of jobs in a specific labor market must be considered, since certain occupations and professions are concentrated in various geographic regions. According to Field, placeability exists when "economic conditions and employer attitudes are such that a person can actually be placed in a job."⁷

Both the pre-injury profile of worker traits and the post-injury profile for Ms. Almonte were compared to all 12,775 jobs in the D.O.T., interfaced with a labor market survey of the most frequently hired for jobs in the State of New York, 2020. This was done, as noted, using the **McCroskey Transferable Skills Program**, which matches and compares worker capacities against the demands of jobs to determine where the two intersect. The program has proven over time, through continually published, peer-reviewed research, to have a high degree of validity and reliability for measuring probable outcomes and entry point wages.

Pre-injury, Ms. Almonte's profile matched 48 of the 1,258 most frequently hired for jobs statewide, or about 4% of this job database using the MTSP program. This is reflective of her prior employment experience in House Cleaner, Secretary, Hostess, Retail Worker, Sales Clerk, and Cashier job positions. It also indicates that she had the **capacity** to perform, or to learn to perform, these jobs. The numbers of matching pre-impairment and post-impairment jobs for each of the 10 categories of work in the D.O.T. are indicated in **Table 1** below.

⁷ Field, op. Cit., pl-12

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TABLE 1
Pre-impairment & Post-impairment Job Matches
(By Job Category)

No. of Job Categories	Pre-impairment No. of Jobs	Post-impairment No. of Jobs
0 Professional	0	0
1 Technical	1	0
2 Clerical/Sales	24	10
3 Service	19	1
4 Agriculture	0	0
5 Processing	1	0
6 Machine Trades	0	0
7 Bench Work	1	0
8 Structural	1	0
9 Miscellaneous	1	0
Total	48	11

Jobs with transferable skills are indicated in **Table 2**.

TABLE 2
Pre-impairment & Post-impairment Job Transferability
(Number of Jobs by Level of Transferable Job Skills)

Category	Pre-impairment	Post-impairment
Moderate to high skill transferability	10	3
Job transferability requiring little or no transferable skills	38	8

Post-injury at the sedentary level, with her functional limitations as well as her residual functional capacities, Ms. Almonte's profile matched 11 of the most frequently hired for jobs in the State of New York. This is indicative of a 77% diminution of personal access to the local labor market, pre- vs. post-injury, based solely upon the trait-factor job matching analysis. Three of the jobs were in a transferable skills category for which moderate to high levels of transferable skills were available. Examples of the matching job titles are as follows:

<u>D.O.T. Code</u>	<u>Job Title</u>
237.367-038	Receptionist
237.367-010	Appointment Clerk
237.367-042	Referral and Information Aide
239.367-014	Dispatcher, Maintenance Service
249.367-010	Animal Shelter Clerk
221.367-070	Service Clerk
379.367-010	Surveillance System Monitor

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According to Wolstein (2016), the occupation of Surveillance-System Monitor has changed substantially and this job match would likely exceed sedentary unskilled job duties.⁸

The results of the transferable skills analysis, based upon her educational level and work history, are consistent with diminished physical capacities at the sedentary level (with adjustments as noted). A copy of the report is attached as an addendum to this narrative (see Appendix A).

Conclusion(s) from Transferable Skills Analysis:

The results of the transferable skills analysis indicate that, based solely on the trait-factor system, Ms. Almonte's sedentary post-injury profile matched 11 occupations, a diminution of 77% compared to the 48 occupational titles contained in her pre-injury profile.

ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYABILITY

Technically, employability is a status that "exists if a person possesses skills, abilities, and traits necessary to perform a job or jobs."⁹ According to McCroskey, employability theoretically exists when "worker capacity equals or exceeds the demands of a job."¹⁰ When an individual's capacities, experiences, and skills are equal to or greater than the demands of a job, the person has the **capacity** to perform the job or learn to perform the job. Employability is solely a measure of individual capacity measured against job demands. While interests associated with jobs are indicators of preference, not capacity, they nevertheless provide signals as to what types of work and environment an individual prefers.

Ms. Almonte's employability is influenced by and dependent upon a synthesis of factors. In Ms. Almonte's case, the following factors are pertinent:

- Physical functional capacities and limitations;
- Transferability of previously developed vocational skills;
- Academic abilities for job retraining;
- Candidacy for vocational rehabilitation services.

Physical functional capacities and limitations:

The medical records reviewed for this evaluation indicate that Ms. Almonte has physical functional impairments and ongoing treatment needs (Dr. Angel Macagno, January 2,

⁸ Wolstein, D. (2016). Surveillance-system Monitors in the Work Force. *Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis*, 16(2).

⁹ Field, T., 1993. *Strategies for the Rehabilitation Consultant*, p. I-7, Elliott & Fitzpatrick, Inc., Athens, GA.

¹⁰ McCroskey, B.J., 1994. *Manual for the McCroskey Transferable Skills Program*, Expert Vocationologist Edition, Ver. 7., Vocationology, Inc., Minneapolis, MN.

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2020). She was initially treated with conservative care (emergency department treatment; medical imaging of the chest, brain, cervical spine, lumbar spine, left shoulder, and right shoulder; a chiropractic evaluation; a comprehensive evaluation; an orthopedic evaluation; and an electrodiagnostic study) followed by surgical intervention and invasive procedures as follows:

- Cervical trigger point injection: Dr. Nasar Shahid (08/06/18).
- Lumbar transforaminal epidural injection: Dr. Nasar Shahid (08/18/18).
- Trigger point injection: Dr. Nasar Shahid (09/10/18).
- Lumbar caudal epidural injection: Dr. Nasar Shahid (09/15/18).
- Anterior cervical discectomy: Dr. Alexandre De Moura (02/26/19).
- Right shoulder arthroscopic synovectomy: Dr. Chris Moros (04/18/19).
- Sacroiliac joint injection: Dr. John Ventrudo (12/27/19).
- Biomechanical device and arthrodesis: Dr. Angel Macagno (03/02/20).

On January 2, 2020, Dr. Angel Macagno composed an orthopedic progress note that set forth:

Discussion: Based on the clinical evaluation, the current problem is causally related to this accident.

Prognosis: Guarded.

Patient is temporarily totally disabled.

Activities of treatment discussed in detail with patient, including activity modifications, physical therapy, medications, epidural injections and surgery.

The patient's symptoms continued to worsen and she is not responding at all to conservative treatment, patient wants to discuss surgical options.

She is a candidate for posterior spinal fusion instrumentation L4-L5, possible L3-L4, C4, possible laminectomy.

On February 20, 2020, Dr. Edwin Richter, III, composed a narrative report that averred:

Repetitive motions of right shoulder should be avoided. Prolonged sitting, standing or walking should be avoided. There is anticipated need of follow-up MRI of lumbar spine (\$1,600) every 2–3 years, follow-up x-ray of lumbar spine (\$300) every 2–3 years and follow-up lower extremity EMG (\$1,500) every 2–3 years. There is anticipated need for lumbar spine fusion surgery (\$75,000 to \$125,000) within 2–3 years. There is anticipated need of follow-up MRI of cervical spine (\$1,600) every 2–3 years, follow-up x-ray of cervical spine (\$300) every 2–3 years and follow-up upper extremity EMG (\$1,500) every 2–3 years. There is anticipated need for additional cervical spine fusion surgery (\$75,000 to \$125,000) within 10–15 years. There is anticipated need of follow-up MRI of right shoulder (\$1,600) every 3–5 years. She is not expected to be able to successfully maintain employment at any work for which she is qualified beyond 10–15 years from now.

Based on the medical records reviewed for this evaluation, Ms. Almonte was assessed

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at the sedentary level, consistent with her current employment. If she becomes unsuitable for sedentary work, based on the opinion of Dr. Edwin Richter, III, Ms. Almonte will be precluded from labor force activities.

Transferability of previously developed vocational skills:

Ms. Almonte's physical functional capacities and limitations have a direct impact on the transferability of her previously developed vocational skills. Accordingly, at the sedentary level, her post-injury profile matched 11 occupations, which is a 77% diminution of personal access to the competitive labor market.

Academic abilities for retraining:

Ms. Almonte's academic abilities for job retraining are best represented by her past educational attainment, in conjunction with her results on the vocational test battery. She entered but never completed the 12th grade and her vocational testing results spanned from the 2nd percentile up to the 9th percentile.

In the past, Ms. Almonte was able to avoid vocational barriers constituted by her limited academic abilities. Due to the physical limitations with which she presents, this is no longer a viable strategy for Ms. Almonte.

Ms. Almonte is also an English as a Second Language speaker. She can take English classes to improve her general ability to benefit from training. Based on the factors above, she would be most suitable for on-the-job or short-duration job retraining, if needed in the future.

Candidacy for vocational rehabilitation services:

Ms. Almonte's ability to benefit from vocational rehabilitation services is a function of all of the factors discussed above. The viability of these resources will be discussed in the Vocational Rehabilitation section below.

Conclusion(s) from Analysis of Employability:

Considering the physical functional capacities and limitations derived from the medical records reviewed for this evaluation, the diminution of transferable skills yielded by the transferable skills analysis, and the very low to extremely low academic abilities obtained from the results of the vocational test battery, it is within a reasonable degree of vocational certainty that Ms. Almonte is unemployable in her customary capacity as a House Cleaner but has been able to maintain her work as a Secretary. According to Dr. Richter, III, she will not be able to maintain this work beyond 10-15 years. If she is not a candidate for sedentary work, Ms. Almonte will be precluded from labor force activities.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Ms. Almonte is 39 years old and is alleging that, as a consequence of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident, she has physical functional limitations that hinder him from continuing her former occupation as a House Cleaner. The purpose of vocational

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rehabilitation is to provide training and other services when there is reasonable probability of the individual returning to gainful employment. Usually this includes provision of educational training, on-the-job training, medical evaluation if indicated, job placement assistance, assistive technologies, and related services.

Ms. Almonte's diminished physical functional capacities are incompatible with her work history as a House Cleaner, but she has returned to work in a reduced capacity as a Secretary. She does not require vocational rehabilitation services at this time.

The vocational rehabilitation process has five phases in order of preference. Vocational rehabilitation clients receive services for the phase best suited to their specific needs:

- *Phase One:* The vocational rehabilitation counselor assists the worker to return to the same job with the pre-impairment employer. Interventions at this phase may include programs of physical conditioning or work-hardening, graduated return to work, work evaluation, and refresher training or skill upgrading.
- *Phase Two:* If it is determined the worker cannot return to the same job, the vocational rehabilitation counselor encourages and works with the pre-impairment employer to make worksite accommodations and job modification, or to provide alternative in-service placement.
- *Phase Three:* If the employer is unable or unwilling to accommodate the worker, the vocational rehabilitation counselor identifies suitable occupational options in the same or related industry.
- *Phase Four:* If the worker is unable to return to alternative employment in the same or related industry, the vocational rehabilitation counselor explores opportunities in all industries, with emphasis placed on the worker's transferable skills, aptitudes, and interests.
- *Phase Five:* If existing skills are insufficient to return the worker to suitable employment, the vocational rehabilitation counselor uses training programs to enable the worker to acquire new occupational skills. In addition, the vocational rehabilitation counselor assists the worker to secure employment once the training is complete.

In Ms. Almonte's case, it is my opinion that she would be suitable for Phase Four rehabilitation services (based on the transferable skills analysis) to Phase Five rehabilitation services (based on the vocational testing results and her past educational attainment).

Vocational rehabilitation services are available through the Nassau County office of the New York State Adult Career and Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR). There is no cost for meeting with an ACCES-VR counselor or for anything that is needed to determine if ACCES-VR can help an individual (this

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would include medical examination, vocational testing, and other assessments). There is also no cost for job placement services. Other services may be based upon a person's income and/or family resources.

Assistive Technology

Individuals with disabilities can benefit from the application of technology to overcome the barriers that interfere with their functioning in a work environment. According to PL 100-407,¹¹ assistive technology has been defined as follows:

Any item, piece of equipment or product system whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized that is used to increase or improve functional capacities of individuals with disabilities.

Ms. Almonte reported that she was experiencing functional limitations in the areas of lifting, sitting, climbing, balancing, stooping, driving, feeling, reaching, standing, walking, bending, kneeling, and sleeping. The following items of assistive technology (AT) would likely be of benefit to her daily functioning:

Functional Limitation	AT Currently Used	AT Options
Bending/Kneeling/Stooping	None	Reacher/Grabber Ergonomic Desk/Work Area
Reaching	None	Reacher/Grabber Ergonomic Desk/Work Area
Sitting	None	Back Support Pillow Ergonomic Chair
Ambulation	None	Canes/Walkers Electric Scooters Wheelchairs
Climbing/Physical Access	None	Chair Lifts Elevator Ramp
Driving/Use of Foot Controls	None	Hand Controls Driving Aids Switches
Manual Dexterity	None	Adaptive Tools Ergonomic Keyboards
Hand Strength	None	Gripping Aids Adaptive Utensils
Standing	None	Sit/Stand Stool Adjustable Table
Sleeping	None	Motorized Bed Frame

¹¹ United States Congress: PL 100-407, **The Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988.**

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	Adjustable Mattress
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Bending/Kneeling/Stooping: Ms. Almonte reported that she has difficulty with and experiences pain from bending, kneeling, and stooping. There are hand-operated reachers that extend a person's range for reaching and retrieving objects, and that reduce the need to bend, kneel, or stoop. In addition, specially-designed desks and work areas place materials and tools within easy reach for use by a person with limited range of motion.

Reaching: Ms. Almonte stated that she has difficulty reaching overhead due to her right shoulder. Again, there are hand-operated reachers that extend a person's range for reaching and retrieving objects. In addition, specially-designed desks and work areas place materials and tools within easy reach for a person with limited range of motion.

Sitting: Ms. Almonte indicated that sitting for extended periods is difficult, usually longer than 30 minutes. Back support pillows and specially-designed ergonomic chairs with multiple adjustments for height, firmness, and tilt angle can alleviate discomfort and extend sitting time.

Ambulation: Ms. Almonte currently does not use any devices to assist her in walking but reported that she will be using a cane after surgery. If her ability to ambulate is further impaired, there are a variety of walkers, electric scooters, and wheelchairs that individuals with mobility impairments use to ambulate. In a home or public setting, these could be used to get to a location and move about during the course of activities.

Climbing/Physical Access: Ms. Almonte can use her cane (after surgery) and handrails to assist him in climbing steps. Other options are a ramp, chair lift, or elevator that could carry him from one level to another.

Driving/Use of Foot Controls: Ms. Almonte noted that she drives locally. There are alternative hand controls for motor vehicles that can circumvent the need to operate foot pedals. Driving aids such as blind-spot mirrors and rear-view cameras are also available, which can reduce the need to adjust physically in order to achieve better viewing angles while operating vehicles.

Manual Dexterity & Hand Strength: Ms. Almonte indicated that she has difficulty gripping and grasping (feeling) due to right hand numbness. She does not currently use any aids or equipment to assist with her daily activities. There is a wide variety of low-cost adaptive aids and tools to enhance existing hand strength and finger dexterity for individuals experiencing impairments of this nature.

Standing: Ms. Almonte does not use any assistive devices to help him when standing. She may benefit from sit/stand tools and adjustable tables that would allow him to change positions from sitting to standing as needed.

Sleeping: Ms. Almonte stated that her sleep cycle has been disrupted. Motorized bed

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frames are available to enable postural changes when going to sleep. Adjustable mattresses are also available to help in obtaining a comfortable sleep position. These devices would not be applicable to job sites, but could decrease fatigue or sleep deprivation to improve an individual's vocational functioning.

Assistive technologies could reasonably be expected to improve Ms. Almonte's daily functioning. From a vocational point of view, these devices would not, absent improvement in her medical condition, enable him to sustain competitive work in her customary occupation as a House Cleaner.

Conclusion(s) from Vocational Rehabilitation:

Ms. Almonte has diminished physical functional capacities and is precluded from continuing her former work as a House Cleaner. She has significantly reduced labor force access at the sedentary level and limited academic abilities for retraining. Ms. Almonte does not require vocational rehabilitation services at this time. She would need to be capable of sedentary work at the least in order to benefit from these services, but according to Dr. Edwin Richter, III, if she is unable to work as a Secretary beyond 10-15 years (a sedentary occupation), Ms. Almonte will not be a candidate for workforce activities.

ANALYSIS OF EARNINGS/EARNINGS CAPACITY

The power to earn money is a function of the capacity to perform work. The capacity to perform work is predicated upon individual mental and physical abilities that are measurable and quantifiable. This analysis was done in accordance with the worker trait-factor system developed by the U.S. Department of Labor, which provides the means for such measurement.

Ms. Almonte was self-employed as a House Cleaner at the time of her injury. Her Schedule C-EZ, Forms for 2014 to 2018 show the following demonstrated wage earnings:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Gross Receipts</u>
2014	\$16,000
2015	\$16,500
2016	\$15,600
2017	\$15,600
2018	\$10,400

Ms. Almonte has remained at work as a Secretary but was unable to maintain her work as a House Cleaner and sustained a total loss of earnings that she would have generated in this capacity, offset by the temporary wages she earned as a Hostess. Ms. Almonte will continue to sustain lost earnings for the wages she would have generated as a House Cleaner.

Ms. Almonte's loss of earning capacity is directly related to the severity of her disability. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, the following labor force characteristics for Persons with a Disability are noted:

In 2014, 17.1 percent of persons with a disability were employed, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. In contrast the employment-population ratio for those without a disability was 64.6 percent. The ratio for persons with a disability declined by 0.5 percentage point from 2013 to 2014, while the ratio for those with no disability increased by 0.6 percentage point. The unemployment rate of persons with a disability edged down to 12.5 percent from 2013 to 2014, while the rate for those without a disability declined to 5.9.

The data on persons with a disability are collected as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly sample survey of about 60,000 households that provides statistics on employment and unemployment in the United States. The collection of data on persons with a disability is sponsored by the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy.

- For all age groups, the employment-population ratio was much lower for persons with a disability than for those with no disability.
- Unemployment rates were higher for persons with a disability than for those with no disability among all educational attainment groups.
- In 2014, 33 percent of workers with a disability were employed part time, compared with 18 percent for those with no disability.
- Employed persons with a disability were more likely to be self-employed than those with no disability.¹²

Accordingly, Ms. Almonte's lifetime earnings would likely be reduced further by periods of unemployment, depending on the severity of her disability as she ages.

If a need were identified in the future, Ms. Almonte would be a candidate for vocational rehabilitation services. Competitiveness increases with the attainment of vocational training. Even with completion of vocational training, Ms. Almonte's expected entry point annual earnings would likely be lower than her demonstrated wages as a House Cleaner.

The above wage-earnings do not include computation of such variables as wage growth over time, lost promotional opportunities and advancement, the value of fringe benefits, income taxes, present value computation, and other economic factors. The figures do represent an estimate of the diminution of annual gross wage-earning power as a consequence of diminished functional work capacity for Ms. Almonte. Her future occupational base has also been significantly reduced as a consequence of her disability and resultant functional impairments.

¹² U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, **Current Population Survey** USDL-15-1162, Persons with a Disability: Labor Force Characteristics. Released Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

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Conclusion(s) from Analysis of Earnings/Earning Capacity:

- 1) Prior to injury, Ms. Almonte was working as a House Cleaner in her local labor market. She earned up to \$16,500 in this capacity. Post-injury, Ms. Almonte was unable to maintain this line of work and sustained a total loss of earnings for the wages she would have generated in this capacity, temporarily offset by the wages she earned as a Hostess.
- 2) Ms. Almonte's wage-earning power is currently eliminated for her pre-injury work as a House Cleaner. She does not require vocational rehabilitation services at this time, and even if she will require them, these services will not restore her ability to return to her previous work as a House Cleaner.
- 3) As a result of the injuries incurred on April 18, 2018, Ms. Almonte has experienced lost earnings to the present. She will continue to experience lost earnings that comprise her former wage rate (as a House Cleaner), plus benefits, from the date of her injury through her estimated work life. Ms. Almonte can continue earning wages as a Secretary.
- 4) If and when she is unable to maintain her current work in the future, which according to Dr. Edwin Richter, III, will be within 10-15 years, Ms. Almonte will not be a candidate for workforce activities.

SUMMARY

In summary, based on the results of the vocational evaluation of Ms. Almonte, and considering her age, education, past work experience, and the opinions expressed in the medical records, the following are my opinions within a reasonable degree of vocational certainty regarding Ms. Almonte's employability and earning capacity.

1. Ms. Almonte demonstrated the ability to perform work successfully as a House Cleaner, Secretary, Hostess, Retail Worker, Sales Clerk, and Cashier. She showed the ability to perform duties, develop skills, and acquire the knowledge and training necessary to obtain and maintain employment in these job positions.
2. Based on the medical records, Ms. Almonte has significant physical functional impairments that impact her employability and functional abilities to perform work. On January 2, 2020, treating physician Dr. Angel Macagno composed an orthopedic progress note that stated, "Discussion: Based on the clinical evaluation, the current problem is causally related to this accident. Prognosis: Guarded. Patient is temporarily totally disabled. Activities of treatment discussed in detail with patient, including activity modifications, physical therapy, medications, epidural injections and surgery. The patient's symptoms continued to worsen and she is not responding at all to conservative treatment, patient wants to discuss surgical options. She is a candidate for posterior spinal fusion

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instrumentation L4-L5, possible L3-L4, C4, possible laminectomy." On February 20, 2020, Dr. Edwin Richter, III, stated that Ms. Almonte "is not expected to be able to successfully maintain employment at any work for which she is qualified beyond 10-15 years from now." Based on the medical records reviewed for this evaluation, Ms. Almonte was assessed at the sedentary level.

3. Ms. Almonte's score on the academic instruments of the vocational test battery (WRAT-V and Wonderlic Personnel Test) spanned from the 2nd percentile up to the 9th percentile, which is reflective of her limited educational attainment and is consistent with her pre-injury employment history in manual labor occupations. Based on these scores, Ms. Almonte would be more suitable for on-the-job or short-duration job retraining. Her answers on the Self-directed Search matched an assortment of occupations that could and likely would, if needed, be relevant for future job search and career exploration activities.
4. The results of the transferable skills analysis indicate that, based solely on the trait-factor system, Ms. Almonte's sedentary post-injury profile matched 11 occupations, a diminution of 77% compared to the 48 occupational titles contained in her pre-injury profile.
5. Considering the physical functional capacities and limitations derived from the medical records reviewed for this evaluation, the diminution of transferable skills yielded by the transferable skills analysis, and the very low to extremely low academic abilities obtained from the results of the vocational test battery, it is within a reasonable degree of vocational certainty that Ms. Almonte is unemployable in her customary capacity as a House Cleaner but has been able to maintain her work as a Secretary. According to Dr. Richter, III, she will not be able to maintain this work beyond 10-15 years. If she is not a candidate for sedentary work, Ms. Almonte will be precluded from labor force activities.
6. Ms. Almonte has diminished physical functional capacities and is precluded from continuing her former work as a House Cleaner. She has significantly reduced labor force access at the sedentary level and limited academic abilities for retraining. Ms. Almonte does not require vocational rehabilitation services at this time. She would need to be capable of sedentary work at the least in order to benefit from these services, but according to Dr. Edwin Richter, III, if she is unable to work as a Secretary beyond 10-15 years (a sedentary occupation), Ms. Almonte will not be a candidate for workforce activities.
7. Prior to injury, Ms. Almonte was working as a House Cleaner in her local labor market. She earned up to \$16,500 in this capacity. Post-injury, Ms. Almonte was unable to maintain this line of work and sustained a total loss of earnings for the wages she would have generated in this capacity, temporarily offset by the wages she earned as a Hostess.
8. Ms. Almonte's wage-earning power is currently eliminated for her pre-injury work

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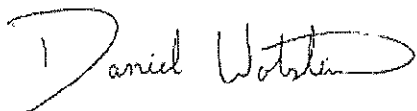
as a House Cleaner. She does not require vocational rehabilitation services at this time, and, even if she will require them, these services will not restore her ability to return to her previous work as a House Cleaner.

9. As a result of the injuries incurred on April 18, 2018, Ms. Almonte has experienced lost earnings to the present. She will continue to experience lost earnings that comprise her former wage rate (as a House Cleaner), plus benefits, from the date of her injury through her estimated work life. Ms. Almonte can continue earning wages as a Secretary.

10. If and when she is unable to maintain her current work in the future, which according to Dr. Edwin Richter, III, will be within 10-15 years, Ms. Almonte will not be a candidate for workforce activities.

If additional information is made available, I reserve the right to amend my conclusions as needed.

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ADDENDUM A
MCCROSKEY TRANSFERABLE SKILLS ANALYSIS
RESULTS
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Client Identification, Labor Market Area, VIPR Type and Reason for Referral

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Client Name: Almonte, Lucia
Address1: [REDACTED]
Address2:
City/State/Zip: Freeport NY 11520

Labor Market Area

Job Bank Name: Nassau
StateParishProvince: New York
Country Name: USA

Year Link: 2020
Inflation Link: 1.351914315
ECLR Link: 1.2041

VIPRType: 9999 Average Worker

Referral:

Vocational Evaluation and Earning Capacity Analysis

MTSP - Report 3
Client Worker Trait Profiles

Client: Almonte, Lucia

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Worker Trait Profiles	VQ	GED			Aptitudes								Physical Demands						Environmental Conditions						
		R	M	L	S	P	Q	K	F	M	E	C	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Profile 1: Work History Profile	102.63	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Profile 2: Evaluative Profile	99.14	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Profile 3: Pre Profile	102.83	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Profile 4: Post Profile	99.14	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Profile 1: Highest Levels of Worker Trait Functioning demonstrated across Past Relevant Work History over the past 15 years.

Profile 2: The Evaluative Data Profile of Current Vocational Functioning derived from demonstrated and retained Work History functioning, confirmed by review of available relevant Medical, Psychological, Social, Educational and Vocational Information and extended through available relevant Vocational Tests, Measures, Ratings and Functional Capacities Assessment data.

Profile 3: Highest Levels of Worker Trait Functioning across demonstrated Work History (Profile 1) and Evaluative Data (Profile 2).

Profile 4: The Final Adjusted Residual Employability and Earnings Capacity Profile of Vocational Functioning for Job-Person Matching.

Notes: Worker Trait Profile Levels of "4" on GED and Aptitude Traits reflect Middle-Average (50th %ile) Vocational Functioning. The Middle-Average Vocational Quotient (VQ) for Jobs is 100 and for People is 140. Both have a Standard Deviation of 15. Perfect Job-Person Profile Matches are rare. Reasonable Job Matches are typically 22.5 VQ Points below the Person's VQ. *Theoretical Underpinnings of the McCroskey Vocational Quotient System (MVQS) include: Parson's (1909) Informal 3-Part Theory, The Formal Minnesota Theory of Work Adjustment (Dawis, Lofquist & Weiss, 1968), The Vocational Diagnosis and Assessment of Residual Employability (VDARE, McCroskey, Wittenbarger, Field and Sink, 1977), and the Scientific Research on Job-Person Matching and Earning Capacity Prediction Studies contained in national peer-reviewed Journals including: Vols. 1 - 7 of the Journal of Forensic Vocationology (1995-2014), The Earnings Analyst (TEA) Journals of the American Rehabilitation Economics Association (Vols 1 - 4, 1998 - 2001) and The American Board of Vocational Expert (ABVE) Journals of Forensic Vocational Assessment (Vols 1 - 4, 1996 - 2001). High to Very High Transferable Skills Analysis Validity has been demonstrated.*

MTSP - Report 4**Pre - Post Comparisons and Residual Employability**

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SECTION 5, PART 1: ACCESS TO THE LABOR MARKET**Jobs Searched:** 1258 In this Job Bank**Job Matches in each of the 10 DOT Job Categories***

	Prof	TechMgr	ClerSales	Services	Agri	Process	MachTr	Bench	Struct	Misc		
JobCats*:	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 1 -</u>	<u>- 2 -</u>	<u>- 3 -</u>	<u>- 4 -</u>	<u>- 5 -</u>	<u>- 6 -</u>	<u>- 7 -</u>	<u>- 8 -</u>	<u>- 9 -</u>	<u>- Total -</u>	<u>Access**</u>
Pre:	0	1	24	19	0	1	0	1	1	1	48	4
Post:	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1
Residual:	0%	0%	42%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	23%	23%

** Mean=85, Std Dev=8. Access to Specific Jobs and Earnings depend on Qualifications, Skills, Abilities, General and Specific Educational Development, Aptitudes, Training, Experience, Supply-Demand Factors in Relevant Labor Markets.

SECTION 5, PART 2: EARNING CAPACITY AND TRAINING POTENTIAL**Overall Earning Capacity: Mean Present Value Earning Capacity Estimates - Pre/Post Summary**

Note: See Table 4a for EC Rxy, SEe and Confidence Intervals.

	<u>Max VQ</u>	<u>Avg VQ</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>10th%ile</u>	<u>25th%ile</u>	<u>50th%ile</u>	<u>75th%ile</u>	<u>90th%ile</u>	<u>Training Potential**</u>
Pre:	99.45	91.92	\$20.60	\$12.24	\$14.91	\$19.02	\$24.78	\$31.80	64
Post:	95.58	93.22	\$20.76	\$12.31	\$15.02	\$19.18	\$25.01	\$32.08	62
Residual:	96%	101%	101%	101%	101%	101%	101%	101%	96%

** Mean=85, Std Dev=8. Access to Specific Training Programs depend on Qualifications, General and Specific Educational Development, Aptitudes, Motivation, Supply and Demand Factors in Relevant Training Markets and Funding Availability.

SECTION 5, PART 3: TRANSFERABLE SKILLS (TS) AVAILABILITY and UTILIZATION

	No TSkills Available	Few, if any TSkills Available	Low TSkills Available	Moderate TSkills Available	High TSkills Available	
TS Levels*:	<u>0 - 19%</u>	<u>20 - 39%</u>	<u>40 - 59%</u>	<u>60 - 79%</u>	<u>80 - 97%</u>	<u>Utilization**</u>
Pre:	6	23	9	5	5	6
Post:	0	6	2	0	3	1
Residual:	0%	26%	22%	0%	60%	17%

** Mean=85, Std Dev=8. Access to TS Jobs depends on Level of Qualifications, Skills, Training, Experience, Availability of Skills Updating/Enhancement Training to Bridge Employment Barriers, a Positive Attitude and a Motivated, Optimistic, Enthusiastic, Persistent and, above all, a Realistic Job Search.

* See MVQS2003 Reports: Selected Symbols, Codes and Scales. (MVQS 2003 Resources, p. 42).

MTSP - Report 5
Client Work History Job Demands/Worker Trait Requirements

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Report 5: Work History Job Demands/Worker Trait Requirements

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Dot Code	Job Title	VQ	VIPR	S V P	Skill Level	GED			Aptitudes								Physical Demands						Environmental Conditions						
						R	M	L	S	P	Q	K	F	M	E	C	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
237.367-038	Receptionist	95.38	ESFP	4	Semi-Skilled	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
290.477-014	Sales Clerk	97.23	ESTP	3	Semi-Skilled	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
301.687-014	Day Worker	82.38	ESTJ	2	Unskilled	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	3	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
352.667-010	Host/Hostess	95.27	ESFJ	3	Semi-Skilled	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

MTSP - Report 7
Work History by VQ - Present Value Earning Capacity

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Report 7: Work History by VQ - Present Value Earning Capacity

Monday, March 2, 2020

Note: See JOFV Table 4a, for EC Rxy, SEe and Confidence Intervals

Dot Code	Job Title	VQ	SVP	Skill Level	VA	VIPR	Mean	10th%ile	25th%ile	50th%ile	75th%ile	90th%ile
290.477-014	Sales Clerk	97.23	3	Semi-Skilled	93%	ESTP	\$21.28	\$12.52	\$15.35	\$19.68	\$25.70	\$32.93
237.367-038	Receptionist	95.38	4	Semi-Skilled	89%	ESFP	\$21.04	\$12.42	\$15.19	\$19.45	\$25.38	\$32.54
352.667-010	Host/Hostess	95.27	3	Semi-Skilled	79%	ESFJ	\$21.03	\$12.41	\$15.18	\$19.44	\$25.36	\$32.51
301.687-014	Day Worker	82.38	2	Unskilled	74%	ESTJ	\$19.37	\$11.76	\$14.12	\$17.85	\$23.14	\$29.76

MTSP - Report 8
Job Matches by Transferable Skills (TS) - Job Demands

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Job Profile Report 8: Job Matches by Transferable Skills (TS) - Job Demands

Monday, March 2, 2020

Dot Code	Job Title	TS	VQ	VIPR	VA	P	Skill Level	GED			Aptitudes								Physical Demands						Environmental Conditions						
								R	M	L	S	P	Q	K	F	M	E	C	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
237.367-038	Receptionist	97%	95.38	ESFP	89%	4	Semi-Skilled	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
237.367-010	Appointment Clerk	91%	91.55	ESFP	89%	3	Semi-Skilled	3	2	3	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
237.367-042	Referral-and-Information Aide	83%	95.58	ESFP	89%	3	Semi-Skilled	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
239.367-014	Dispatcher, Maintenance Service	46%	95.58	ESFP	87%	3	Semi-Skilled	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
249.367-010	Animal-Shelter Clerk	40%	93.13	ESFP	93%	3	Semi-Skilled	3	2	3	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
249.167-014	Dispatcher, Motor Vehicle	23%	95.38	ENFJ	87%	5	Semi-Skilled	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
221.367-070	Service Clerk	23%	94.15	ISFP	87%	4	Semi-Skilled	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
209.687-010	Checker II	23%	89.61	ESFP	87%	4	Semi-Skilled	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
247.367-010	Classified-Ad Clerk I	20%	95.58	ENFJ	89%	5	Semi-Skilled	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
379.367-010	Surveillance-System Monitor	20%	90.63	ESFP	86%	2	Unskilled	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
209.687-018	Reviewer	20%	88.82	ESFP	87%	4	Semi-Skilled	3	1	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

MTSP - Report 10
Job Matches by Transferable Skills (TS) - Present Value Earning Capacity

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Report 10: Job Matches by Transferable Skills-Present Value Earning Capacity

Monday, March 2, 2020

Note: See JOFV Table 4a, for EC Rxy, SEE and Confidence Intervals.

Dot Code	Job Title	TS	VQ	SVP	VA	VIPR	Mean	10th%ile	25th%ile	50th%ile	75th%ile	90th%ile
237.367-038	Receptionist	97%	95.38	4	89%	ESFP	\$21.04	\$12.42	\$15.19	\$19.45	\$25.38	\$32.54
237.367-010	Appointment Clerk	91%	91.55	3	89%	ESFP	\$20.55	\$12.23	\$14.88	\$18.98	\$24.72	\$31.72
237.367-042	Referral-and-Information Aide	83%	95.58	3	89%	ESFP	\$21.07	\$12.43	\$15.21	\$19.48	\$25.42	\$32.58
239.367-014	Dispatcher, Maintenance Service	46%	95.58	3	87%	ESFP	\$21.07	\$12.43	\$15.21	\$19.48	\$25.42	\$32.58
249.367-010	Animal-Shelter Clerk	40%	93.13	3	93%	ESFP	\$20.75	\$12.31	\$15.01	\$19.17	\$24.99	\$32.06
249.167-014	Dispatcher, Motor Vehicle	23%	95.38	5	87%	ENFJ	\$21.04	\$12.42	\$15.19	\$19.45	\$25.38	\$32.54
221.367-070	Service Clerk	23%	94.15	4	87%	ISFP	\$20.89	\$12.36	\$15.09	\$19.30	\$25.17	\$32.28
209.687-010	Checker II	23%	89.61	4	87%	ESFP	\$20.30	\$12.13	\$14.72	\$18.74	\$24.38	\$31.30
247.367-010	Classified-Ad Clerk I	20%	95.58	5	89%	ENFJ	\$21.07	\$12.43	\$15.21	\$19.48	\$25.42	\$32.58
379.367-010	Surveillance-System Monitor	20%	90.63	2	86%	ESFP	\$20.43	\$12.18	\$14.80	\$18.87	\$24.56	\$31.52
209.687-018	Reviewer	20%	88.82	4	87%	ESFP	\$20.20	\$12.09	\$14.65	\$18.64	\$24.25	\$31.14

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Listing of Court Appearances Previous Four-Year Period

- 11/21/17 Workers Compensation Court
State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Hudson County
Jersey City, New Jersey
Judge Jamie Buonocore
Floralba Avendano v. Target Corporation
Claim Petition No.: 2006/15760
- 2/8/18 Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division – Family Part
Hunterdon County Justice Center
Flemington, New Jersey
Judge Julie Marino
Caroline Ranger v. Frederic Simard
Docket No.: FM/10/225/16
- 9/12/18 Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division – Family Part
Somerset County
Somerville, New Jersey
Judge John McDonald
Karalyn Rosenblum v. Mark Rosenblum
- 10/4/18 Superior Court of New Jersey
10/5/18 Chancery Division – Family Part
Essex County
Newark, New Jersey
Judge David B. Katz
Daniel Mayo v. Jamie Mayo
- 11/9/18 Supreme Court of New York
Dutchess County
Poughkeepsie, New York
Judge James V. Brands
James Murray and Lynn Murray v. Home Depot, USA Inc.
- 12/5/18 Supreme Court of New York
Richmond County
Staten Island, New York
Judge Alan C. Marin
Roberto Ortega v. Opus Development Group Ltd.

12/14/18	Supreme Court of New York
12/17/18	Westchester County
	White Plains, New York
	Judge John Colangelo
	Samantha Podesta v. Joseph Podesta
	Index No.: 576172017
3/8/19	Supreme Court of New York
	Bronx County
	Bronx, New York
	Judge Fernando Tapia
	Santos Uvidia v. The Cardinal Spellman High School and Archdiocese
	Index No.: 306692/2012
3/11/19	Superior Court of New Jersey
	Chancery Division – Family Part
	Somerset County
	Somerville, New Jersey
	Judge Robert Ballard
	Peter Wright v. Elizabeth Brady Wright
	Docket No.: FM-18-298-12
3/14/19	Supreme Court of New York
	Kings County
	Brooklyn, New York
	Judge Bernard Graham
	Albert Masmalaj v. NYC Economic Development Corporation
	Index No.: 7555/14
4/22/19	Superior Court of New Jersey
	Passaic County
	Paterson, New Jersey
	Judge Thomas LaConte
	Barbara Payton v. Peter Berger, D.C.
	Docket No.: PAS-L-2668-16
05/31/19	Superior Court of New Jersey
	Somerset County
	Somerville, New Jersey
	Video Deposition Testimony
	Christine Reiss v. Warren Medical Center et al.
	Docket No.: SOM-L-830-16
07/25/16	Superior Court of New Jersey
	Hudson County

Newark, New Jersey
Video Deposition Testimony
Timothy Mahoney v. Union Paving and Construction Company
Docket No.: HUD-L-0433-17

09/27/19 Supreme Court of New York
Nassau County
Mineola, New York
Judge Leonard Steinman
Michael Carucci v. Town of Hempstead and Andrew P. Carbone
Docket No.: 601096/16

10/01/19 Supreme Court of New York
Kings County
Brooklyn, New York
Judge Reginald Boddie
Cathie Mathurin v. David Y. Shalom and BH Contractor Inc.
Docket No.: 502729/2017

10/03/19 Supreme Court of New York
Bronx County
Bronx, New York
Judge Norma Ruiz
Oscar Avila v. 265 Wythe, LLC, et al.
Docket No.: 306785/2013

10/08/19 Superior Court of New Jersey
Bergen County
Hackensack, New Jersey
Judge Darren DiBlasi
Laura Grube v. Michael Grube
Docket No.: FM-02-1936-18

10/23/19 Superior Court of New Jersey
Bergen County
Hackensack, New Jersey
Judge Mary Thurber
Mark Eiseman v. Richard Rhim, M.D., et al.
Docket No.: BER-L-2334-16

11/21/19 Supreme Court of New York
New York County
New York, New York
Judge Julio Rodriguez
Sommer Carbuccia v. New York City Transit Authority, et al.
Docket No.: 156715/2014

01/10/20 Superior Court of New Jersey
Bergen County
Hackensack, New Jersey
Judge Jane Gallina-Mecca
Qingyou Yan v. Yixiong Xu
Docket No. FM-02-2387-18

01/17/20 Superior Court of New Jersey
Bergen County
Hackensack, New Jersey
Video Deposition Testimony
Luz Jerez v. Steven Bartlett et al.
Docket No. BER-L-73-18

01/27/20 United States District Court of New Jersey
Essex County
Newark, New Jersey
Judge Brian Martinotti
Ernest Hinson Jr. v. United States of America
Docket No. 3:18-CV-00870-BRM-LHG

02/26/20 Superior Court of New Jersey
Bergen County
Hackensack, New Jersey
Judge James Guida
Leron Bensoussan v. Richard Bensoussan
Docket No. FM-02-2484-18

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03/19/18 Mark and Carol Eiseman v. Richard Rhim, M.D., Joshua Rovner, M.D.
Krompner & Tamn
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Bergen County
Docket No.: BER-L-2334-16

04/11/18 Daniel Mayo v. Jamie Mayo
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis
Roseland, New Jersey
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Essex County
Docket No.: FM-07940-14

04/18/18 Barbara Payton v. Peter Berger, D.C.
Mattia & McBride
Fairfield, New Jersey
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Passaic County
Docket No.: PAS-L-2668-16

08/24/18 Shenna Petty v. Green Earth, Inc., et al.
Gilman & Bedigian
Timonium, Maryland
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
Case No.: 24-C-17-004450 OT

10/17/18 Luz A. Nunez v. Mordecai D. Katz, et al.
Law Offices of Jeffrey Hasson
Teaneck, New Jersey
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Bergen County
Docket No.: BER-L-3279-16

01/18/19 Steven Catalano v. J & M Realty Development Corp.
Robert E. Taylor, Jr., Attorney at Law
Kenilworth, New Jersey
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Essex County
Docket No.: ESX-L-6696-16

05/24/19 Laura Diaz v. ShopRite of Perth Amboy, et al.

Stathis & Leonardis
Edison, New Jersey
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Middlesex County
Docket No.: MID-L-03946-16

06/07/19 Barbara Wilde v. Byron Charles Mischen, MD et al.
Florham Park, New Jersey
Searcy, Denney, Scarola, Barnhart & Shipley, PA
Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Pinellas County, Florida
Case No. 522017CA006063xxcici

06/24/19 Ilhan Alici v. Whole Foods Market
Roseland, New Jersey
Brach Eichler
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Passaic County
Docket No.: PAS-L-4081-17

07/25/19 Timothy Mahoney v. Union Paving and Construction Company et al.
Newark, New Jersey
Icaza & Burgess
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Hudson County
Docket No.: L-433-17

01/03/20 Denise DeMartine v. Air-win Corporation et al.
Wayne, New Jersey
Law Offices of Jonathan Marshall
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Ocean County
Docket No.: OCN-L-2590-17

02/07/20 Justeen Adams v. Borough of Red Bank et al.
Hazlet, New Jersey
Cimino & Filippone
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Monmouth County
Docket No.: MON-L-1878-18

02/17/20 Steven Beck v. Ponky, LLC, et al.
Parsippany, New Jersey
Law Office of Edward C. Lutz
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Sussex County
Docket No.: SSX-L-441-18

03/30/20 Nehme Jaafar v. Alan Miller, M.D., et al.
Video Deposition
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Index No.: 17-CV-9262

04/24/20 Donna Castrianni v. Quail Heights Partnership, et al.
Video Deposition
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Bergen County
Docket No.: BER-L-8116-18

Vocational Evaluation / Earning Capacity Analysis	\$5,000
Life Care Plan	\$6,000
Vocational Evaluation / Earning Capacity Analysis & Life Care Plan	\$10,000
Court Appearance	\$3,500
Deposition	\$2,000
Preparation for Court Appearance or Deposition	\$375/hour
Interview No-Show / Cancellation (under 72 hours)	\$750
Travel Surcharge	\$375
Expedited Report Surcharge (from interview date):	
1-7 Day Turnaround	\$5,000
8-14 Day Turnaround	\$3,750
15-29 Day Turnaround	\$2,500
Supplemental / Addendum / Revision	
Any edit requested beyond 30 days after the original draft report is <i>completed</i> (excluding internal error)	\$375/hour
*Extensive or Delayed Medical Record Summarization	
Any summarizing of medical records in excess of 1,000 pages or received after interview has occurred	\$375/hour

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Refundability:

- Personal injury cases withdrawn within 30 days of signing the Professional Services Agreement are refundable less a \$2,500 case intake fee
- Personal injury cases withdrawn after 30 days of signing the Professional Services Agreement are nonrefundable
- Testimony fees are 100% refundable if notice of cancellation/rescheduling is provided 5 or more days before appointment date/time; 50% refundable if notice is provided between 2 and 5 days before appointment date/time; and nonrefundable if notice is provided within 48 hours of appointment date/time

Resumption of Deferred Cases:

- Reports requiring update beyond two years of the original draft report date are regarded as new cases and are invoiced at 75% of the *current* appropriate fee schedule
 - E.g., a life care plan originally composed 3 years ago and requiring update today would be billed at \$4,500 (75% of \$6,000 current life care plan fee)